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Profile

Co-Director of the Center for Air and Space Law and member of the faculty at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Lawyer with experience advising governmental and non-governmental stakeholders on a broad array of aviation, space and telecommunications law, regulation and policy issues.

Experience

University of Mississippi School of Law, Center for Air and Space Law

Co-Director, Instructor and Research Counsel, June 2018 to present

As Co-Director, Instructor and Research Counsel to the Center for Air and Space Law, I administer to all aspects of the Air and Space Law Program at UMiss, including the following:

Co-Director, Center for Air and Space Law

- Oversee budgets and adjunct faculty
- Manage Program Coordinator and Student Assistants
- Draft and submit administrative filings for university, state and federal regulatory compliance.

Instructor in Air and Space Law

- Teach courses on International Space Law, Cybersecurity Law and U.S. National Aviation Law and a seminar on thesis research and writing to J.D. and LL.M. students
- Faculty advisor for LL.M. theses and for student participation in aviation and space law moot court competitions.

Research Counsel, Center for Air and Space Law

- Conduct research, draft position papers and white papers
- Oversee student research assistants and research projects including studies on NASA government procurement processes and a comparative analysis of US states' approaches to fostering growth in commercial space industries
- Current projects include a casebook for Private International Aviation Law

Achievements

Established a Graduate Certificate and Graduate Minor in Air and Space Law, opening the LL.M. curriculum to non-lawyers and non-law students

University and Law School Leadership and Service

Faculty Senator, 2018-2021

Represented School of Law on the University Faculty Senate

Diversity Committee (School of Law), 2021-2022

Member of the committee working to develop strategies and policies on diversity, equity and inclusion

Covid19 Committee (School of Law), 2020-2021

Served on ad hoc committee addressing transition from in-person to online education for Covid19 mitigation

Aviation Advocacy

Associate, February 2015 to present

Aviation Advocacy is a Swiss-based consultancy focused on aviation industry analysis and advice on policy, law and regulation. My focus is on advancing technologies, such as UAS and satellite telecoms and GNSS for aircraft in-flight. I regularly contribute to projects advising a range of clients including international airports, airlines and ATC providers. I led a four-year project on global regulatory compliance for a major avionics supplier that partnered with a satellite communications operator for the provision of Wi-Fi on-board aircraft in flight.

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow, January to August 2016

The Committee on Science, Technology and Law (CSTL), a unit of the National Academies' Policy and Global Affairs Division, seeks to improve public policy in matters of science and technology. My responsibilities included: updating a 2015 proposal for a space law and policy study on the need for modernization of international and US laws and regulations affecting the commercial space industry; developing proposals for studies on advancing science and technologies and their effects on law and policy; liaising with staff of congressional committees, federal agencies, not-for-profit foundations and universities for the purposes of resource mobilization, donor relations and outreach on studies.

Los Angeles City Attorneys Office—Division of Airports

Law Clerk, LA World Airports (LAX, VNY, ONT), October 2010 to April 2012

The Division of Airports serves as in-house counsel to airports owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles, including LAX. My responsibilities included: conducting litigation, including drafting complaints, responses and motions, and coordinating responses to requests for production of evidence; reviewing requests for proposals, proposals, contracts and leases; and liaising with government officials, external counsel and industry stakeholders on airport interests.

American Society of International Law

Co-chair, Space Law Interest Group, April 2015 to May 2017

- Presented at UNOOSA/UAE High Level Forum on 'Space as a driver for socio-economic development held in Dubai in 2016
- Launched a social media platform and doubled membership of the Interest Group
- Raised the profile of the Interest Group by Co-sponsoring a panel on space mining in 2016 and organizing a panel entitled 'Making Space for Private Space Actors' in 2017
- As an ASIL Observer, attended annual meetings of the Fourth Committee of the UN General Assembly on the negotiation of its annual resolution on 'International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space'
- Organized educational events, including 'A Conversation with Niklas Hedman, Chief of the Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs section of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs and 'A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Outer Space Treaty featuring representatives from the US Department of State and professors from Georgetown University

Pro Bono and Internship Experiences

UN Office for Outer Space Affairs

Legal Intern, Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs, April to October 2015

- Assisted with secretariat duties for 2015 meetings of COPUOS and its Legal Subcommittee and Working Group on Long-Term Sustainability
- Assisted in drafting foundational documents for UNISPACE+50, including Terms of Reference for the UNISPACE+50 Steering Committee
- Attended and wrote field report on negotiations over the EU's proposed International Code of Conduct for Outer Space Activities
- Participated in the ICAO Space Learning Group and liaised with members of the ICAO secretariat for development of the program agenda for the ICAO/UNOOSA Aerospace Symposium 2016

Aerospace Industries Association

Policy Intern for Space and Civil Aviation Sectors, June to October 2014

- Monitored policy and regulatory affairs at domestic and international levels
- Liaised with government officials, including members of the US Congress and their staff, as well as officials in US executive branch departments (Defense, Transportations and State), White House offices (Office of Science and Technology Policy and Office of Management and Budget) and agencies (FAA; NOAA; FCC)
- Served as legal advisor to the International Coordinating Council of AIA for participation in the ICAO Space Learning Group

UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate

Legal Intern, September 2013 to February 2014

- Analyzed international, regional and domestic agreements relating to counter-terrorism for the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee
- Attended Committee meetings and drafted reports on activities of CTED and the implementation of counter-terrorism procedures and mechanisms by States
- Drafted memoranda on public international law, including on cross-border hot pursuit of terrorist suspects, Bitcoin's use for terrorist financing, and the rise of Al Qaeda in the Sahel

Master of Laws in Air and Space Law, McGill University, 2016

Education

- Thesis on "Air and Space Law in the Context of Globalization and Fragmentation"
Thesis included a theoretical analysis of the effects of the fragmentation of international law on aerospace governance demonstrated through a comparative study of US and UK aerospace laws and regulations
- Research Assistant, McGill Centre on Research in Air and Space Law
- 2013 Manfred Lachs Space Moot Court Competition Semi-finalist

Juris Doctor, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, 2008

- Certificate in International Legal Studies
- Studies of both common law and civil law systems
- Teaching Assistant for courses on International Trade Law and European Union Law, including leading seminars visiting institutions of the EU and Council of Europe

Master of Arts in Liberal Arts, St. John's College, 2001

- Classics in literature, philosophy, theology, math, sciences and political philosophy
- Translated Plato's *Meno* from Ancient Greek to English

Bachelor of Sciences, Mount Saint Mary's University, 1999

- Liberal arts curriculum with a major in biology

Attorney-at-law in California (2010-inactive) and New York (2011-inactive)

Licenses and Affiliations

American Society of International Law, International Institute of Space Law, and American Bar Association – Forum on Air and Space Law (Committee on Space Law)

Publications

"National Regulatory Approaches to the Emerging Aerospace Transportation System" in Ermanno Napolitano and David Chen, eds., *Emerging Aerospace Transportation Systems and Regulatory Challenges* (forthcoming book chapter)

"It's Time for Private Credit to Lend to the Space Industry" White Paper, Foundation for the Future (January 2022)

"Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste: The Future for Commercial Aviation" in Carlos Torres, ed. *Legal Impacts of COVID-19 in the Tourism Industry* (ESHTE/INATEL; Portugal, 2021)

"New Distribution Capabilities and Competition" in Carlos Torres, ed. *Competition Law in Tourism* ((ESHTE/INATEL; Portugal, 2020)

"Sustainability, Security and Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty" in R.P. Rajagopalan and N. Prasad, Eds., *Space India 2.0: Commerce, Policy, Security and Governance Perspectives* (New Delhi: Observer Research Foundation, 2017)

"Private Commercial Space Enterprises and Global Space Governance" (contributing author) in Ram Jakhu and Joseph Pelton, eds., *Global Space Governance: An International Study* (Springer, 2017)

"Space Traffic Management: Stratospheric Thinking" *Managing the Skies* (September/October 2016 edition) FAA Managers Association

"Air and Space Law in the Context of Globalization and Fragmentation" Master's Thesis, McGill University Library (2016)

"The Effects of Fragmentation of International Law on Aerospace Regulation" (2016) 58 Proc. Int'l Institute Space L 53

Space Security Index, Project Ploughshares (2015) (Lead drafter for indicators examining space-based global utilities, priorities/funding levels of national space agencies, and international cooperation in space activities)

Panel presentation on "What is NewSpace?" 3rd Manfred Lachs Conference hosted by McGill University (Montreal, March 2015)

"The ASTEROIDS Act and Hearing: Some observations on international obligations" *The Space Review* (22 Sept 2014) <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/2604/1>

"International and U.S. National Laws Affecting Commercial Space Tourism: How ITAR tips the balance struck between international law and the CSLAA," (2007) 33 J Space Law 245

**Conference
Presentations
And Panels**

“The Future for Commercial Aviation” in ESHTe/INATEL International Web Conference on the Legal Impacts of COVID-19 in the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Industry, (Online; April 2020)

“Commercial Uses of Space” in Yuri’s Night Court, UN Institute for Disarmament Research and Space Court Foundation (Online; April 2020)

“The Future of the Space Industry” in 1st International Legal and Policy Conference on the Future of Transport, NALSAR University of Law (Hyderabad, India; January 2020)

“The Future of Space Governance: New Entrants – Nations” Dean Rusk International Law Center, University of Georgia (Athens, US; October 2019)

Participant: UNIDIR/SWF Informal Consultation Group: Implications of the Commercialization of Military Space Services (Washington, DC; October 2019)

“Sovereignty, Multilateralism and Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty” Annual Meeting of the European Society of International Law (Athens, Greece; September 2019)

Moderator: UNIDIR Space Security Workshop in Support for UN Disarmament Commission Working Group II (UNHQ, New York; January 2019)

“Competition Law and New Distribution Capabilities” Annual ESHTe/INATEL International Conference on Tourism Law (Estoril, Portugal; October 2018)

Participant: First UN Conference on Space Law and Policy (Moscow; September 2018)

“International Legal Perspectives on Weaponization of Outer Space” Annual Conference, ABA Forum on Air and Space Law (Chicago, US; September 2018)

“What is New Space?” in the McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law’s 3rd Manfred Lachs International Conference on New Space Commercialization and the Law (Montreal, Canada; March 2015)
